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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Sanctions the continuance of the Scheme of Subsidisation of Irrigation Wells for a further period of three years.

READ—

Government Order No. R. 6349-62—R. M. 37-45-152, dated 12th March 1946, sanctioning the scheme for the grant of subsidy for sinking irrigation wells in connection with Distress Relief.

2. Government Order No. R. 148-61—R. M. 96-45-2, dated 4th July 1946, directing that the time limit for granting the benefit of the above scheme may be extended to wells completed before the end of September 1946.

3. Government Order No. R. 5228-41—R. M. 96-45-5, dated 26th November 1946, directing that the period for payment of subsidy on completion of wells may be extended till the end of the official year 1946-47 and that the applications received till the end of January 1947, may be treated as eligible for consideration under the scheme.

4. Letter No. A4. 1769—46-47, dated 28th July 1947, from the Revenue Commissioner in the matter of continuance of the scheme referred to above.

ORDER No. R. 4733-46—R. M. 20-47-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 9TH OCTOBER 1947.

Under the scheme sanctioned in Government Order dated 12th March 1946, a subsidy not exceeding 50 per cent of the estimated cost of irrigation wells, subject to a maximum of Rs. 500 per well, was to be paid in the Districts of Chitaldrug, Tumkur and Kolar. The benefit of the scheme was extended to the other districts also with the modification that the amount of subsidy in those cases was to be limited to 25 per cent of the estimated cost and the concessions were also to be applicable to cases of deepening of existing wells.

The continuance of this scheme was urged during the sessions of both the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council and the reply given was that the question would be favourably considered.

The Revenue Commissioner has recommended the continuance of the Scheme, the subsidy payable per well being Rs. 500 uniformly all over the State. He has also suggested that the provision of Rs. 5 (five) lakhs made in the present budget may be raised to Rs. 10 lakhs.

As the scheme has been popular and as it is desirable to increase irrigational facilities of all kinds in the State, Government are pleased to direct that the scheme be continued for a further period of three years and that a uniform basis, *viz.*, 50 per cent of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 500 per well be adopted in all the districts throughout the State for the grant of subsidy. The necessity for and the desirability of further continuing the scheme for another term will be examined at the end of the period in the light of results achieved and the demand still prevailing.

Government consider that no date for the receipt of applications may be prescribed but the wells should be generally completed before the close of the official year in cases where subsidy is sanctioned before the end of January or within six months from the date of sanction in other cases. Where delay is unavoidable, the Deputy Commissioner may grant extension of time for a period not exceeding three months, if the subsidy has been sanctioned by the Sub-Division Officer, the latter officer exercising similar power in cases in which the Amildar has sanctioned the subsidy.

Government further direct that applications for subsidy should be disposed of within one month after due enquiry by the Amildars themselves in as many cases as possible and that such applications should be rejected only for valid and material grounds and not for flimsy or trivial reasons.

It is observed that the provision regarding grant of loans at reduced rate of interest for meeting the balance of cost of wells has not been availed of to any appreciable extent till now, probably due to lack of publicity to this concession. The Deputy Commissioners are requested to instruct the subordinate officers to apprise the applicants of these concessions and to be as liberal as possible in sanctioning these loans.

The Revenue Commissioner may apply for additional allotment of funds to the extent necessary in January or February next.

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